

whereas England is considered in the forefront in the move to protect and respect human rights, it is in the rear based on the barbarism of its punishments. Many times when we talk about punishing certain conduct we're revealing more about ourselves than the nature of the offense. Nobody has discussed the underlying causes of this particular crime that we are discussing. When Senator DeCamp took me out to western Nebraska, he talked to me about certain sexual practices out there that I had never heard of occurring before, things being done with animals. I had never heard of anything like that and then after that I did some reading and I found out lo and behold not only are these things done in western Nebraska, they publish pictures of this kind of conduct. There are certain places where they train animals to do these things and there is an overemphasis and obsession with matters sexual in the Legislature oftentimes. Why, believe it or not, I've had some pages and ladies who run the cameras tell me about passes made at them by Senators. That made it kind of quiet didn't it. That's what I'm saying. The Senators, some of them, who are talking so much about the dignity of women and the terrible and horrendous nature of this crime have made passes at some of the employees of the Legislature. Now what do you think about that? We're talking very seriously about serious matters, aren't we, but it's a lot easier to point the finger outside the Capitol Building and say, kill, kill, twenty-five, twenty-five, twenty-five out there but then when we talk about our own conduct and measure it against the standards that we want to impose for other people, sometimes we come up wanting. So what I believe ought to be done is whenever a measure like this comes up, put it all in perspective and think about some of the degrading demeaning things that are said to some of these women around here and ask yourself how much further or what does the situation have to be when maybe a Senator would get a little liquored up and actually put his hands on one of these women. What then? Is that a sexual assault? Now that should carry twenty-five years because that is an individual using his position to take advantage of somebody who is in a helpless position, but we won't talk about that, will we? We don't even want to hear it discussed. But when you bring up 555 on the floor you better believe we're going to discuss it, and we're going to discuss some other matters too and we're going to find out if this high level of morality really exists which can easily be talked about in case of a bill like this. Oh, I have a note here which I hadn't seen. Somebody has to catch a plane. I'll terminate mine.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, Senator Duis, will you close on your motion.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you, Mr. President. I renew my plea to bring LB 555 to the floor of the Legislature. I do want to call your attention to something that is in the law at the present time and, Senator Stoney, it is in here. It says sexual assault in the first degree is a class two felony. The sentencing judge shall consider whether the actor shall have caused serious personal injury to the victim in reaching his decision on the sentence. And I certainly think that rape would be a serious injury. It would be not only the injury to the person but also to the mind. I also would like to state here that I have three other bills all dealing with the same subject and I sincerely hope that all four of them will pass this session of the Legislature and I ask you once again to bring LB 555 to the floor of the Legislature.